

April 28, 1998

TO: Members of the MAG Human Services Technical Committee

FROM: Karin Bishop, Valley of the Sun United Way, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Please note change due to ACAA Conference

Thursday, May 14, 1998, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
MAG Office - Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

Please park in the garage under the Norwest Bank Building. Please bring your parking ticket with you and we will validate it at the meeting.

The MAG Human Services Technical Committee will meet at the above time and place. Please call Carol Kratz at the MAG office if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Call to Order</u>2. <u>Approval of March 5, 1998, Technical Committee Meeting Minutes</u>3. <u>Report on Public Input Meeting Held Thursday, April 23, 1998 and Human Services Needs Information</u> | <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. For approval of the March 5, 1998 Technical Committee meeting minutes.3. For information, discussion and possible action. |
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Staff will provide information gathered from televised public hearing, the 24-hour telephone line and e-mails received concerning our problems and funding for the next fiscal year. The Maricopa County Needs Assessment results will also be presented, if available.

4. Review of 1999-2000 Problem Statements

At the last meeting of the Technical Committee, members reviewed and revised problem statements for three of the target groups; the Persons with Disabilities Problem Statements were not reviewed. There was also discussion about separating out the problem statements which are funded by SSBG from the comprehensive problem list. The materials in the packet represent the revised comprehensive list of problems, regardless of funding source. This format was developed a number of years ago at the direction of the Human Services Coordinating Committee. Technical Committee members may want to make a recommendation to change the format and/or content. SSBG problems are marked with an asterisk.

5. Planning for Potential Reductions in SSBG Funds

DES has informed us that the Administration and the U. S. Senate are recommending a 20% reduction in SSBG funds. If this reduction is not modified by the U. S. House of Representatives, it is possible that our locally planned funds will be reduced by an estimated \$596,593 for contracts beginning on July 1, 1998. HSTC members are asked to advise on how we should address this potential reduction. A list of funding levels is included, indicating past reductions and additions, along with a document related to the reductions.

6. Legislative Report

The Legislature is expected to adjourn by the first week in May. Several welfare reform bills are unresolved as of this date, including modifications to Arizona Works, and the

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funding bill for the welfare reform program. Staff will provide a report.

7. Transportation and Welfare Reform

Transportation is seen as one of the major barriers welfare clients face in getting to and from child care and work that is required by the new welfare laws. At the direction of the HSCC, MAG has been involved with this issue testifying before the legislature and supporting the use of TANF Block Grant funds for transportation. At the federal level, there are potential transportation funds (between \$150-250 million) for this purpose in the reauthorization of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA). To prepare for this funding, MAG has commissioned a study related to transportation for TANF clients and for elderly and persons with functional limitations. The initial products of this study are beginning to be submitted to MAG for review. The consultant for the study will present information to the Transportation Committee here at MAG. HSTC members are asked to volunteer to attend and comment on these products. HSTC members are also asked to discuss how we might position our area to effectively compete for these federal funds.

8. Domestic Violence Regional Plan

The City of Phoenix has requested that MAG examine the issue of domestic violence and to develop regional recommendations. This request is scheduled for the May meetings of the Management Committee and Regional Council. HSTC members are asked to suggest approaches to addressing this problem, and to volunteer for the committee which will develop the recommendations.

9. Call to the Public

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Any member of the audience wishing to address the Committee may do so at this time. Under the requirements of the Open Meeting Law, no action may be taken at this meeting.

10. Announcements

- a. The Joint Meeting of the HSTC and HSCC will take place on June 18, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. at the MAG Office.
- b. Barbara Carpenter is leaving MAG to pursue other opportunities. Her last day will be May 1, 1998. MAG is recruiting for a replacement for Barbara as quickly as possible. HSTC members are asked to forward any potential candidates' resumes to Carol Kratz.

11. Adjourn

10. For information.